



Year 4

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and the children had a great summer! Mrs Ward and I would like to thank you for your kind gifts and cards at the end of the last academic year, they were greatly appreciated.

The children came back ready to get stuck in and one of the benefits of me having them for a second year is that I know their capabilities and they know my expectations; this meant we could get straight on with our usual lessons. We welcome Sienna Hammatt to the class and hope that she enjoys her time with us in Year 4. From June, the children will only have one staff surname to remember in class; I will become Mrs Ward following my marriage - obviously we already have a Mrs Ward in the classroom...this could prove interesting!

In maths this week we completed re-cap sessions to ensure the children had not forgotten their written methods for the four operations. I was very pleased to see that they still had a good understanding of most of them and were able to complete some challenges independently. This means that we can progress onto some new learning! Year 4 is very much about building on existing knowledge and developing problem solving and reasoning skills.

In English, the children started the week by writing about their summer holidays; it was an opportunity for me to see whether they had remembered all of the SPaG they were taught in Year 3. The children began the class reader for this term which is 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.' They were able to think about character descriptions and develop their own ideas for a word bank to help them with future writing about this story.

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday morning; please ensure your child has their full (updated where necessary) PE kit in school.

If the children have completed their home learning on the 'Romans', it would be great for them to have this in by next Wednesday for us to show and tell during

topic. I would like them to create their own Colosseum; this can be in any form, cardboard, lego, a drawing, plasticine, anything they would like to make it with. This will be a two-week project and we will display them in the classroom. The children will be seeing pictures of the Colosseum in Nimes that I visited over the summer and will be learning about what they were used for by the Romans.

The children will be doing some spellings and maths homework again from next week, this is to give them time to start their Colosseum, should they wish.

Year 4 have forest school on Friday 13th September; please ensure they are wearing suitable clothing and have used a bug spray if necessary.

Kind regards,

Mrs Wardle